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WHERE'S THE SPOT?

The Seminole Indians Got Lead.

Anthony Shell in the Secret Many Years Ago.

From Wesley Shell, through Dr. A. R. Jaques of Lutesville, comes to the editor a story of deep interest to him, and which will no doubt interest the readers of the paper.

About eighty years ago Anthony Shell came to this section of the country and settled about one mile south of where Lutesville now is. He was one of the first settlers and built the house which now stands just south of the old Shell cemetery south of Lutesville, and in which his great grandson, Wesley Shell now lives. At that time a tribe of Seminole Indians lived here and were very friendly to Mr. Shell and his family.

They always had an abundance of lead, yet no white person knew where they procured it. As was their custom they left the country very suddenly, and under Mr. Shell's promise to never disclose it, told him where they got their lead. He kept their secret until his death, when he told his son, Wesley Shell's grandfather, that the spot was one mile from his door step and that a hole would be found covered with a sand rock, under which was a tomahawk. Tradition says that the place and rock and instrument were found, together with an abundance of lead.

But by some means the location has been lost. It is the opinion of Dr. Jaques and other old citizens that the place is either what is called a sink hole on the tract of land just south of Lutesville recently sold to the St. Louis Lithographing company by Eli Lutes, or the one just north of the Baptist church in Marble Hill.

In connection with this story is one that Mr. Shell had about \$800 which he kept in a strong iron box of his own make. His daughter saw it frequently, but it was never known, after his death, what became of it, as he left no word of its disposal.

As a probable solution of this question is the digging, a few months ago, of a hole at night in W. F. Kinder's field just northeast of the railroad bridge below Lutesville. The hole was shaped like a coffin and near the roots of a large oak tree. The dirt had been replaced and the place was not discovered until late the next day, by David Clippard, who was gathering corn in the field. It excited much interest at the time. It is possible that Mr. Shell buried this money near that tree that he might locate it, and dying without disclosing the place of concealment, someone, who, by chance, knew of it, took this time and opportunity to secure it.

A Surprise Party.

Last Saturday night Miss Lena Van Sickles of Fredericktown, who is visiting Mrs. W. E. Rockwell, was very pleasantly surprised by the local W. C. T. U. accompanied by their gentleman friends, at the dinner of Mrs. Rockwell. The evening was pleasantly spent in social diversions, Miss Van Sickles is an entertaining, versatile young lady, and was gratified at the entertainment afforded her. Those present were Misses J. Jamison, A. Fischer, B. Bollinger, M. Graves, R. Fischer, E. Kauffman, D. Axe, M. Murdoch; Messrs: G. E. Conrad, H. McCann, G. Leasley, M. Kinder, J. A. Allen, J. Lane, J. C. Caldwell, C. M. Witmer.

TO LAY THEM OFF.

Contemplated Addition to Marble Hill.

George E. Conrad, who is a heavy real estate owner in and about Marble Hill, informed the editor last week that he contemplates platting the piece of ground immediately west of the Baptist church into town lots and making an addition to Marble Hill. The ground lies beautifully and it is a healthy location. A good view of the railroad and the surrounding country is afforded. The lots will no doubt sell readily.

The editor is also informed that Mr. Conrad will erect a handsome residence where his office now stands east of the Christian church. It will add much to the town.

A NEW BRICK BLOCK.

Dr. Witmer May Build One Soon.

A few days ago Dr. C. M. Witmer bought of Mrs. Mary Boan the house now occupied by the PRESS, on High street. The Doctor owns considerable real estate in Marble Hill. He will probably tear away the building in the spring and erect in its stead a brick business block. The enterprise is commendable. The public square should be surrounded by brick business houses.

IT IS WHITE CLAY.

A Big Mine Owned By Glen Allen Men.

Kinyon Smith writes the editor from Glen Allen that he and A. G. Sharp have opened one of the largest beds of white clay ever found in Bollinger county. They have already taken out 125 tons of the clay, and have a lead five feet wide and forty feet long. They have gone down through a deposit of the clay thirty-five feet and have found no bottom yet. It is a very superior quality of mineral.

Note of It.

Owing to lack of space last week some of Marble Hill's business men were omitted. The editor regrets that he failed to speak of Elmer Bair's barber shop. He is recognized as the best barber in Southeast Missouri. His easy, clean and rapid shaving is remarked by every visitor and citizen. His razors and scissors are always sharp, and his towels clean. He is an artistic hair cutter.

W. H. Jones is also a shoemaker, with his shop in Henry Elfrank's saddlery store. Years of experience recommend him as a good workman and he always satisfies.

Dr. Dickman Dead.

Dr. F. F. Dickman died at Fort Scott, Kan., on January 23, of softening of the brain. He was formerly a resident of Marble Hill and at one time county treasurer. He was one of the leading physicians of Kansas and had been president of the Medical Association of that state.

Somewhere Else.

Yesterday A. Mayer began moving his large stock of groceries into his new brick business block. By Saturday he will be all fixed up ready for business.

Scopus News.

The barrel hoop business is paying well here now.

Many of the cisterns in this neighborhood are almost empty.

Berthold Scharrack recently bought some very fine thoroughbred Holstein cattle.

The people of Scopus are anxious to see a bridge built across Crooked creek between Marble Hill and Lutesville.

A BOGUS DEED.

Jim Vandervort Gets Three Horses.

And Gets Caught Himself The Scheme.

In trouble over an attempted smooth scheme is Jim Vandervort's condition to day. He is well known to our people, and has always been honest so far as is known until his present escapade. A few weeks ago he carried two deeds to St. Louis, one for the farm occupied by his father seven miles northeast of Marble Hill, and another to forty acres of land in the Hatwoods west of Glen Allen, correctly executed by his parents. The deeds were made for the purpose of selling the land.

One of the deeds was made to a Mr. Jamison and the other to another party. What became of the good deed to the land near Glen Allen the editor did not learn. Vandervort made a deed to the land, signed it himself and traded the land to Chester Moffatt of St. Louis for four good horses. Moffatt, who is a teamster in St. Louis, had the horses at his father J. W. Moffatt's farm at Trenton, Ill. and wrote an order for them. The old gentleman suspected that not all was right and would give up only three of the horses. The deed was not made to any one, but Vandervort told young Moffatt, so it is said, that Moffatt's name would be inserted when the deed was recorded here. J. W. Moffatt at once came to Marble Hill and investigated the matter, and found that Vandervort did not own the land. Vandervort sold one of the horses in St. Louis for \$75 and on Wednesday of last week got off of the down local at Glen Allen and took the other two out to his father's home. J. W. Moffatt and detective C. H. Archambault followed on the passenger to Lutesville and driving out to the farm arrested him Wednesday evening. They left with him and the horses for St. Louis Thursday.

When Vandervort arrived at home he asked Perry Dockins if anyone from St. Louis had been there. Dockins answered in the negative. Vandervort then told him that someone would be there and that he was going to hide, and at the same time, told Dockins to say that he had gone to Kentucky. While they were talking Moffatt and Archambault drove up. Vandervort's father accompanied him to St. Louis, and an attempt was made to compromise the matter. A good deed was made last Saturday and placed in County Clerk F. M. Wells' hands by Mrs. Vandervort, to be delivered to her son and husband on certain conditions. The deed was delivered to Mr. Vandervort, Jr., Tuesday.

ST. VALENTINE'S BALL.

It will be the Event of the Season.

The Marble Hill Social Club are making preparations for a grand ball in A. Mayer's elegant new hall on St. Valentine day. It will be strictly such a guilded affair as the Social Club always has. Marble Hill's leading young men compose the club and that is enough said. The famous Senbaugh orchestra will furnish music for the ball. Wanting the printing to be in keeping with the elegance of the occasion of course they had their tickets, invitations and programs printed at the Pitzer office.

SHOT IN THE HAND.

An Accidental Shot Wounds Thurman Kinder.

About 11 o'clock last Sunday Thurman Kinder, about 15 years old, received an accidental pistol shot. He and John Clippard, about the same age were at W. F. Kinder's the former's father, and were handling a .32-calibre pistol. It was accidentally discharged, and the ball passed through Thurman's right hand, and grazed the right side of his face. He is not dangerously hurt.

IT IS GOOD STUFF.

A Fine Quality of Bituminous Coal Near Scopus.

W. H. Lutes of near Scopus, about six miles northeast of Marble Hill, informs the editor that there are gratifying evidences of a fine deposit of bituminous stone coal near that place. Already about fifteen bushels of a fine quality of coal have been taken out. There are also some traces of lead. Real estate is unusually active near Scopus.

Odd Fellow Delegates.

At the meeting of the Odd Fellows in Lutesville Saturday night several visitors from Glen Allen and Zalma were present. E. P. Biggs, C. E. Vasterling and Melvin Lutes were chosen delegates to the Doe Run convention next Tuesday, to choose a place of meeting for the next annual celebration. Marble Hill lodge held a session with visiting brothers from Patton and Sedgwickville. C. A. Sanders was chosen delegate with F. M. O'Kelley as alternate.

School Closed.

John Slagle, closed a successful term of school in the Revelle district about a mile and a half south of Lutesville last Friday. The patrons attended in a body, a delicious dinner was spread and a pleasant time passed. A literary entertainment and school examinations were held at the close of the exercises, at which the pupils displayed the excellent instruction they had received. At night there was a spelling match. Mr. Slagle is a model teacher.

Presto, Change.

This from the Aurora, Mo.; Advertiser illustrates the innocence of childhood as well as the possible easy embarrassment of maidenhood: Recently a Carthage school marm was teaching a class in spelling, when the word "husband" was put on the blackboard. None of the children could pronounce it and in order to help them out the teacher asked: "What would I have if I should get married?" The response was prompt, but it was not what she expected and she blushed such a brilliant red that the sunlight paled.

To Start Again.

While at Cape Girardeau Monday Rev. Charles Hunter informed the editor that he would resume the publication of the Southeast Herald in a short time. The paper was temporarily suspended last fall. Rev. Hunter is a man of rare ability among colored people, and says that he will publish a strong Democratic paper for the Negroes of Southeast Missouri.

A Wood-Chopping.

The friends and neighbors of Mrs. Myers, living about two miles north of Marble Hill enjoyed an old fashioned wood-chopping at her home last Saturday. A large crowd was present and a fine dinner was spread. Everybody enjoyed the day very much.

To Change It.

Will Drum is having some center shelving put in his father's store. The arrangement of the stock will be changed when this is done and it will present a more attractive appearance. Will is abreast the times.

OLD SILVER MINE.

It Was Worked Twenty Years Ago.

D. C. Clippard is Close to Paying Ore.

In the year of 1871 John Smith and a Mr. Sanson, old and practical, experienced miners, sank a shaft to the depth of thirty-two feet on the land that now belongs to Ed Kinder about a mile east of Marble Hill. They were sanguine of finding silver.

They stayed at Philip Hahn's and on a certain evening told him that the next night they would bring silver ore to the house. At noon the next day they did not come to dinner and Hontz Hahn, then a boy, went to the shaft to tell them that their meal was ready. When he arrived there he found them both dead. They had been suffocated by the damps. Robert Fischer, who is now city marshal of Marble Hill, pulled them out of the shaft.

The place was neglected and soon the shaft filled up, leaving in it all the tools used by the miners. Some time ago D. C. Clippard secured a twenty years' lease on part of the land. He began prospecting about one hundred yards from the old shaft. He now has a ledge eight foot high blasted to exposure. The face is a continuous stone, without a seam. It presents a bluish gray on the top and runs into a yellow color at the bottom. Stone from the top of the ledge, when put under a strong magnifier at Dr. W. C. Talley's showed strong traces of silver.

Mr. Clippard is now down almost to a level with the bottom of the old shaft. He informs the editor that if he does not strike good ore soon he will clean out the old shaft and begin work there. He believes that the perfect confidence of Smith and Sanson, who were experienced miners, is worth much.

THE CORRECT NUMBER.

A Special Census of the Two Towns.

A special census of Marble Hill and Lutesville, taken by the Press' specially employed census takers J. H. Lane and W. S. King, for the two towns respectively, is completed. It shows that Marble Hill has 386 inhabitants and Lutesville 413. This gives a total population of 800 in the two towns.

A Corner Lot.

On Wednesday of last week W. S. King bought the triangular tract of land lying just west of the Sample & Glen addition to Lutesville, and along the railroad. The lot contains about one and three quarter acres, and sold for \$315. F. P. Trautwein bought the saw mill that stood on the lot, and sold it, we understand to D. M. Newell of Scopus. Mr. King will not at present plat the tract into town lots. W. A. Phelps owned the land and mill.

The New Instructor.

Miss Laura D. True of Springfield arrived last Friday, and Saturday assumed her duties as a member of the faculty of Mayfield-Smith academy. She is a teacher of experience and ability, and a young lady of rare qualities, cultured and refined. Principal Graham expresses himself as very highly pleased with his new associate.

Milkmaids Convention.

The milkmaids convention will hold a session at the hall in Lutesville next Wednesday a week. Some rare talent will be engaged in the entertainment, and it is worthy of success. The admission will be 25 cents to go to the Methodist church.